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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

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1. DC HOLDRIDGE AND ANDERSON MET WITH HSIAO TEH OCTOBER 25
TO CONVEY DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES TO POINTS RAISED BY
CHINESE OCTOBER 21 (REF A). HOLDRIDGE CONVEYED ASSURANCES
PARA 3 REF A, AND STATED THAT IF HSIAO HAD NO FURTHER COMMENTS
ON DIPLOMATIC NOTE, WE WOULD SEND IT IN THE FORM USED IN
OUR DRAFT NOTE. WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY RAISE QUESTION OF "LOSS OR DA
MAGE"
SINCE IT WAS OUR EARLIER IMPRESSION THAT HSIAO WAS NOT DEMANDING THIS
BE CHANGED, BUT ONLY EXPRESSING CHINESE INTERPRETATION. HSIAO
HAD NO FURTHER COMMENTS, SO WE WILL SEND NOTE CONTAINING
REFERENCE TO "LOSS OR DAMAGE". QUESTION OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS
WAS NOT RAISED.

2. HSIAO AGREED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONFUSION REGARDING
NAME OF U.S. HOST ORGANIZATION AND CHINESE SIDE SHOULD HAVE
MENTIONED EARLIER. HE SAID THEY STILL PREFERRED TO USE FULL
NAME AS GIVEN TO US AT AUGUST 28 MEETING BECAUSE REFERENCE
TO "THE EXHIBITION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA" CONFORMS TO THE TITLE OF THE EXHIBITION.
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USE OF ONLY "CHINESE EXHIBITION" IS A BIT AMBIGUOUS, HE SAID,

AND MIGHT BE CONFUSING. HOLDRIDGE ASSURED HSIAO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CONFUSION IN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S MINDS ABOUT WHERE THE EXHIBITION CAME FROM, BUT SAID IF CHINESE FELT STRONGLY ABOUT IT, WE WOULD CHANGE THE NAME IN THE AGREEMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT PRINTING DEADLINES MAY RESULT IN THE ORIGINAL NAME APPEARING IN THE CATALOGUE, AND HSIAO SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THOSE MATERIALS WHERE PRINTING PROCESS HAD ALREADY BEGUN, BUT HE HOPED WE WOULD CHANGE THE TITLE ON THOSE MATERIALS WHERE TIME STILL PERMITS.

3. HOLDRIDGE GAVE HSIAO LIST OF FILMS IN WHICH SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS ARE INTERESTED, AND HSIAO SAID HE WOULD PUT USLO IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH CHINA FILM DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION. HE CONFIRMED THAT TWO FILMS MENTIONED IN AGREEMENT ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE EXHIBITION AND ARE LOANED TO THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS ON A GRATIS BASIS.

4. CHINESE HAVE AGREED TO PREPARE ALL DOCUMENTS AND USLO WILL PROVIDE RED SEALS AND RIBBON. HSIAO HAS SUGGESTED OCTOBER 28 FOR SIGNING SINCE CHAIRMAN OF CHINESE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, WANG YEH-CHIU, IS LEAVING PEKING ON FOLLOWING DAY. U.S. SIDE AGREED AND WILL BE REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR BUSH AND FOUR STAFF MEMBERS. ANDERSON WILL EXAMINE FINAL COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS AT MFA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26.

5. USLO SENDING LIST OF U.S. COMMITTEE OF HONOR TO MFA OCTOBER 25 AND WILL CONVEY INFORMATION CONTAINED REF D AT THAT TIME. BUSH

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